

Open Space & Recreation  
April 10, 2019 Monthly Meeting

Attendees: Stev McDonough, Cathy Richardson, Maura Campbell, Therese DiBlasi, Jack Bracchiotti, Dennis Visconti, David Goodberg, James Sarno

Absent members: Steve Sylvester, Cindy Hemenway

Meeting called to order 6:33 pm

## Agenda

- Approval of Minutes
  - Motion made to accept as written
  - Approved
- Recreation Dept. – Steve Angelo
  - Field Permits in process for user groups
    - Town usage is increasing
  - Egg Hunt on common 4/19, big event! Over 3K eggs to find! Steve A looking for volunteers
  - Town Mtg 5/6 - have event for kids 7-9 pm
  - Playground study
    - Have proposal for Steele playground/ADA compliant
      - Designed for 2-12 age group
    - Up for vote for capital \$\$ @ May town mtg
    - Main surface – rubberized surface
    - Other areas – wood chips
    - Will go out for bid if approved
  - Rec Dept. – profit up 100% over last year
- Stoneham Arena
  - Submitted capital request for part of roof
  - Is new software backed up to cloud/town hall server?
    - Not sure what policy/procedure is
    - Does new software do scheduling?
  - Still a few spots available for signs
  - New Zamboni needed
- Golf
  - Unicorn open, Oaks not open
  - Got capital \$\$ for additional netting
  - Rate approval pending with TA

- Dog Park
  - Has been in process for last 3 years
  - Land in short supply, lot of land is DCR
    - Had rough plans for Cerrone, soccer opposed
    - School Dept previously has not entertained discussions for use of school owned land
    - School Dept still controls certain fields
  - Public meeting ~ 1 year ago/ not supported at that time
  - Have researched Stanton Foundation – need 10K sq ft
  - Big picture – As playgrounds updated, should ban dogs to maintain town investment
  - Sandy Lotti, Stoneham resident – spoke on behalf of interested dog owners, strongly in favor of dog park
    - 1,203 registered dogs in 2018
  - Next step:
    - Invite Select Board to meeting with interested residents to show support
    - Target end of May/June meeting to start a group
    - Have a volunteer to set up facebook page
- Tree Committee
  - 5 members + 3 ex officio members (tree warden/OSR/Cons Comm - non-voting)
  - David G will represent OSR
  - Cathy will send letter to select board
- Old Business
  - none
- New Business
  - none

Meeting adjourned 8:00 pm



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